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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing during the public comment period in support of the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case.

The options for you are, as I understand them, to accept the settlement agreement reached or to return to Court for further litigation. In light of the state of our economy, continued litigation makes little sense. We cannot afford to keep Microsoft on the sidelines.

Microsoft has agreed to make changes in the way it conducts business, which will be conducive to increased competition within the software industry and to economic growth. Microsoft's agreeing to allow computer makers the right to reconfigure Windows operating systems so as to promote non-Microsoft software should prove to be of immediate benefit to the economy.

Please go forward with the settlement as soon as possible. It is in the public's best interest.

Sincerely,

David Bowman